

As a result of the failure to ratify the Compact by West Virginia and Pennsylvania, the Potomac River Basin Advisory Committee revised the proposed Compact to reduce the area of its jurisdiction and limit it to the drainage area in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The revised Compact was to be entitled "Potomac Water Resources Regional Compact", and was essentially the same as the Potomac River Basin Compact except for its area of jurisdiction. This Compact was submitted to the Maryland General Assembly in 1976 as HB 1031 and failed in committee.

The Department of Natural Resources reports that if the Compact were to become active now it would duplicate most activities of the Water Resources Administration in the Department. The Compact is considered to be no longer useful within the Department's present management and regulatory scheme. The Department of Natural Resources recommends repealing the Potomac River Basin Compact enabling legislation, codified as Natural Resources Article, § 8-301, Preamble and Section 1.01 through Section 15.21, inclusive; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Potomac River Basin Compact is repealed in its entirety, including the Preamble and Sections 1.01 through 15.21, inclusive, of the Compact, all of which is codified in § 8-301 of the Natural Resources Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved April 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 235

(House Bill 673)

AN ACT concerning

Master Plumbers - Insurance

FOR the purpose of prohibiting master plumbers from performing practical plumbing services without meeting certain insurance requirements; specifying that proof of insurance under the Act relieves a person, firm, or corporation from the surety bond requirements of any political subdivision under local practical plumbing requirements; providing that master plumbers who enter into contracts with a purchaser of practical plumbing services are required to obtain insurance under the Act; specifying that certain employers are not